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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a **one-month extension of time** is filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.